



# UB Highlights

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News & Events for April 1-15, 2014

## LATE BUT GREAT

*This information arrived too late for the last Highlights issue, but there is still time to attend!*

### Ukrainian Coffee Hour

**Wednesday, Mar. 26, 12-1:30 p.m.**

Drop in to the Student Center Private Dining Room to learn about Ukrainian culture and sample free Ukrainian food! Sponsored by International Student Services and Residential Life.



### Faculty Research Day

**Friday, March 28, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.**

More than 120 posters of mind-blowing ideas and innovative research presented by UB faculty and students will be on display all day in the Bernhard Center, ending with a wine-and-cheese reception at 4 p.m. in the Schelfhaudt Gallery. **Carly Price**, an independent innovation consultant and winner of multiple design awards, will speak at 11:45 in the Littlefield Recital Hall about "Research on Human-Centered Design." All of these events are free and open to the public.

### **The Ernest C. Trefz School of Business invites the UB community and the public to these events:**

**Tuesday, April 1, 6:30-8:30 p.m.,** Schelfhaudt Gallery.

SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executives) presentation: "Simple Steps for Starting Your Business – What Does It Take to Become an Entrepreneur?"

**Thursday, April 3, 12:15-1:30 p.m.,** Schelfhaudt Gallery.

Brown bag lunch with **Richard Yamarone**, Bloomberg senior economist, speaking on "Careers on Wall Street – Lessons from a 30-Year Wall Street Veteran" and "The Economics Outlook, What Indicators to Watch for Signs of the Recovery." Beverages will be provided to accompany the lunch you bring.

**Monday April 14, 5:30-7:30 p.m.,** Schelfhaudt Gallery.

Executive Speakers Series features **Julie Vanderblue**, president, Higgins Group Real Estate, and CEO of the Vanderblue Team.

## Purple Knights Home Athletic Events April 1-15, 2014



### Baseball

**Apr. 3 (Wed.), 3 p.m., Felician @ Harbor Yard**

**Apr. 5 (Sat.), 12 & 3 p.m., Queens @ Harbor Yard**

**Apr. 12 (Sat.), 3 & 5 p.m., Mercy @ Harbor Yard**

### Lacrosse (Women's)

**Apr. 12 (Sat.), 1 p.m., Southern New Hampshire @ Knights Field**

### Softball

**Apr. 1 (Tues.), 3 & 5 p.m., LIU Post @ Seaside Park Softball Complex**

**Apr. 5 (Sat.), 12 & 2 p.m., Molloy @ Seaside Park Softball Complex**

**Apr. 7 (Mon.), 3 & 5 p.m., Nyack @ Seaside Park Softball Complex**

**Apr. 10 (Thurs.), 3 & 5 p.m., St. Thomas Aquinas @ Seaside Park Softball Complex**

**Note: Due to weather-related field conditions, baseball and softball games may be relocated. Please check for changes at [www.ubknights.com](http://www.ubknights.com).**

## Health Sciences Open House Saturday, April 5, 10 a.m.

Students interested in programs offered by UB's Division of Health Sciences are invited to the 6th floor of Wahlstrom Library to learn more about the application process and program details. Programs represented are Acupuncture, Chiropractic, Dental Hygiene (graduate only), Naturopathic Medicine, Nutrition, and Physician Assistant. Register online or contact Leanne Proctor, [lproctor@bridgeport.edu](mailto:lproctor@bridgeport.edu) for more information.



## Graduate Info Session

**Wednesday, April 9, 6-7:30 p.m.**

Students interested in programs offered in Stamford by UB's School of Education are invited to the Stamford Center, 5 Riverbend Drive, for information about the application process and program details. Register online or contact Leanne Proctor at [lproctor@bridgeport.edu](mailto:lproctor@bridgeport.edu) for more information.



## Spring Fashion Show

**Thursday, April 10, 4 & 7 p.m.**

UB's Fashion Merchandising and Retailing Department will hold its annual fashion show in the Social Room of the Student Center. This year's theme is "New York: The Concrete Runway." Students will model the most exciting fashions for spring and summer. Come and feel the beat of the city and surround yourself with breathtaking colors, lush fabrics, and divine garments. Chose one of two fabulous free shows, at 4 and 7 p.m.



## Alumni Art Show

**Thursday, April 10, 5:30-7:30 p.m.**

Visit the City Lights Gallery, 37 Markle Court, in downtown Bridgeport, for a reception opening the Third Annual Alumni Art Show, an exhibit of artworks created by UB alumni. The show is free and open to the public. Alumni who wish to present their work may email Aimee Marcella at [alumni@bridgeport.edu](mailto:alumni@bridgeport.edu) or call 203-576-4133.



## Accepted Students Day

**Saturday, April 12, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.**

Accepted students are invited to experience what it is like to be a UB student. Starting with a continental breakfast reception at the Wheeler Recreation Center, activities will include a student clubs and organizations fair, a classroom "test drive," lunch with current students and faculty, and financial aid assistance. Register online or call 1-800-392-3582. Contact Jessica Crowley, [jessicr@bridgeport.edu](mailto:jessicr@bridgeport.edu) for more information.



## 38th Annual International Festival Week April 7-12, 2014

Everyone is invited to enjoy the following events:

### Monday, April 7

4-6 p.m., Student Center. *Drinks of the World*, plus *Universal Art Expose and Cultural Display*.

Sponsored by International Student Services.

### Tuesday, April 8

12-1:30 p.m., Student Center Great Room. *Cultural Taboos Coffee Hour*, featuring free food, music, and mingling. Sponsored by International Student Services and Residential Life.

### Wednesday, April 9

4-6 p.m., *Taste of the World*, with free food samples from around the world, music, and more mingling.

### Thursday, April 10

6 p.m., Tower Room of Bernhard Center. *Symposium: "Let's Call an End to Human Trafficking,"* with **Gaynel Curry**, UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights; Dr. **Angela Duger**, Harvard School of Public Health; and Dr. **Melissa Labonte**, Fordham University. Sponsored By Alpha Gamma Pi Chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha and CPIA.

### Friday, April 11

2-8:30 p.m., Hubbell Gym. *Relay for Life*, join a team competing to raise funds for the American Cancer Society. Contact Katerina Correa, [kcorrea@my.bridgeport.edu](mailto:kcorrea@my.bridgeport.edu) for more info.

### Saturday, April 12

7-9 p.m., Mertens Theater of the Bernhard Center. *International Festival Show*, featuring cultural performances by UB students, beautiful costumes, and excitement. Admission: students \$5, staff and faculty \$7, guests \$10.

## YOU CAN DANCE!

Have fun with pop, jazz, and Bollywood dance routines! Free dance sessions are led by UB's own Bollywood dancer, **Satyam Shrestha**, a graduate student in Global Media and Communication Studies. Tuesdays (Room 113 Bernhard Center) and Fridays (Room 216 Bernhard Center), 4:30-6 p.m., every week until May 2. Dress code: track pants, t-shirts, and sneakers. Everyone is welcome to just drop in. For more information or to pre-register, email [youcandanceub@gmail.com](mailto:youcandanceub@gmail.com). Sponsored by International Student Services.

# UB ACHIEVEMENTS & HONORS

## STUDENTS & ALUMNI

### ATHLETICS

**Melissa Doucette**, a senior, was named ECAC Division II Women's Gymnast of the Week March 11, and freshman **Christine Liautaud** received the weekly Coaches' Choice Award.

**Purple Knights Gymnastics** won their sixth straight ECAC Division II Gymnastics championship, announced on March 22. UB senior **Lisette La Fex** was named the 2014 ECAC Division II Women's Gymnastics Athlete of the Year. Head Coach **Byron Knox** was named 2014 ECAC Division II Coach of the Year. The 2014 USAG National Championship meet will be hosted by Brown University, in Providence, RI, April 11-13.

### Good News

UB's College of Public and International Affairs will launch a new bachelor's degree program, Religion and Politics, in the fall 2014 semester. The program will replace the World Religion major and will offer three spheres of study: Western religion and society, Islamic religion and society, and East Asian religion and society. **Robert Riggs**, assistant professor of world religions, will chair the new program.



Media interest in Ukraine recently brought Channel 8 WTNH to campus to interview UB student **Alona Gaiek**, who is from Ukraine, and UB's Director of Campus Activities **Craig Lennon**, whose wife Olena is a Ukrainian native. The Lennons were living in Ukraine until they moved back to the U.S. last fall.



On March 12, Sodexo campus chefs from University of New Haven, UB, Bryant University, and Nichols and Assumption Colleges gathered at Fairfield University for a "Battle of the Chefs," modeled on the TV shows "Iron Chef" and "Chopped." Representing UB Sodexo were sous chef **Michael Proulx** and UB sustainability intern **Tyler Van Steenberg**, a Nutrition and pre-Chiropractic student who also cooks at the Woodward House, a farm-to-table restaurant in Bethel, CT. The chefs were given unusual ingredients at 6 a.m. and required to create a delicious lunch by 11:30, sampled by students in the Barone Dining Hall at Fairfield and enjoyed by faculty who judged the competition.

## FACULTY & STAFF

### CPIA

**Dave Benjamin**, associate professor of global development, co-wrote a chapter (with Stephanie Wolfe and Rick Crawford), "The Necessity Defense to the Criminal Use of Chemical Weapons: Prosecutor versus the Head of State, Post-War Country," in the newly published *Understanding International Law through Moot Courts*.

**Mohammed Al-Azdee**, assistant professor of mass communication, has had his research paper, "Agenda Setting and Political Predisposition: A Study of Relationship and Effects on Voting," published in *Mass Communicator: International Journal of Communication Studies*. Prof. Al-Azdee was an embedded reporter for *USA Today*, *Reuters*, and *U.S. News* during the Iraq war.

### ENGINEERING

**Elif Kongar**, associate professor of mechanical engineering and technology management, and director of the Technology Management program, was to be honored at the Connecticut Technology Council's Women of Innovation awards dinner on March 27. The program recognizes women across the state who are innovators, role models, and leaders in the STEM fields—science, technology, engineering and math.

**Lawrence V. Hmurcik**, professor of electrical engineering, and **Irving Ojalvo**, former chairman of UB's Mechanical Engineering Department, are part of a group of expert witnesses investigating the severing of a dancer's foot in the Broadway production of "Spiderman – Turn Off the Dark," which has closed. The investigation involves two moving stages that meshed together on the dancer's foot, and the investigators must determine what mechanical and electronic safety protocols were violated, and by whom.

**Did we miss something?** *UB Highlights* is published twice monthly during the academic year and monthly in January, June, and July to inform the University community about UB events and achievements. To comment or to list your event or award, e-mail [Rebecca Salonen](mailto:Rebecca.Salonen@bridgeport.edu), [UBHighlights@bridgeport.edu](mailto:UBHighlights@bridgeport.edu), or call x4988.